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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the April 28, 2009 Office Action. The shortened statutory period for response to the Office action is set to expire on July 28, 2009. Thus this Amendment and Response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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